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| Title: Textured Airlaid Materials |) | | |

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please insert the following on Page 1 at Line 1 of the present application:

RELATED APPLICATIONS

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The present application is a Continuation-in-Part Application of U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,039 and U. S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/680,719 both filed on October 6, 2000 and both claiming priority to a Provisional Application having U. S. Serial No. 60/159,629, filed October 14, 1999.

REMARKS

The above amendment has been made to the specification in order to reflect the claim to priority to the above-identified earlier filed applications.

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This is a response/amendment/letter in the above-identified application and includes the herewith attachment of same date and subject which is incorporated herinto by reference and the signature below is to be treated as the signature to the attachment in absence of a signature thereto.

Fee requirements (if any) have been calculated as shown below:

| | Claims remaining after amendment | Highest number previously paid for | Present Extra | Additional Fee |
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| Total Effective Claims | _____ | minus 0 | = _____ x \$18 = | \$ -0- |
| Independent Claims | _____ | minus 0 | = _____ x \$84 = | \$ -0- |
| If amendment enters <u>proper</u> multiple dependent claim(s) into this application for <u>first</u> time, add \$270.00 (per application) | | | | \$ -0- |
| Since Official Action set an <u>original</u> due date of _____, PETITION is hereby made for an extension to cover the date this response is filed for which the requisite fee is enclosed (1 month \$110; 2 months \$400; 3 months \$920; 4 months \$1440) | | | | \$ -0- |
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| Other: <u>Preliminary Amendment, Claim to Priority, Letter</u> | | | | \$ -0- |
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